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SUBJECT: ITALIAN FOREIGN POLICY: THE ANDREOTTI VISIT TO THE
UNITED STATES APRIL 16-21

1. FOREIGN POLICY - GENERAL

MAIN LINES OF ITALIAN FOREIGN POLICY UNDER ANDREOTTI HAVE GENERALLY FOLLOWED PATTERN SET BY HIS PREDECESSORS -- CLOSE TIES WITH THE U. S.; FULL SUPPORT OF NATO FOR DEFENSE AND THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY FOR ECONOMIC, POLITICAL AND SOCIAL GOALS; AND CAREFUL ATTENTION TO THE MEDITERRANEAN BASIN AS SPECIAL AREA OF ITALIAN INTEREST. SMALL CLOUD ON HORIZON HAS BEEN THE ACTIVIST ROLE ASSUMED BY FOREIGN MINISTER MEDICI WHO, AS A NON-FACTIONAL, COMPROMISE CHOICE FOR THE JOB, IS GENERALLY BELIEVED RIPE FOR REMOVAL SHOULD ANDREOTTI SEE THE POSSIBILITY OF A BROADER GOVERNMENT FORMULA REQUIRING A SHIFT IN MINISTERIAL RESPONSIBILITIES. DESPITE, OR PERHAPS BECAUSE OF, THIS UNCERTAIN TENURE, MEDICI HAS PLUNGED INTO HIS WORK WITH UNEXPECTED VIGOR AND HAS CONDUCTED A DYNAMIC, HIGHLY VISIBLE, LARGELY ONE- MAN BRAND OF DIPLOMACY WHICH HAS LEFT HIS COLLEAGUES IN THE FARNESINA AND ELSEWHERE SOMEWHAT BREATHLESS AND AT TIMES SKEPTICAL OF HIS AIMS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS. DURING HIS NINE MONTHS ON THE JOB, MEDICI HAS VISITED BOTH EAST AND WEST EUROPE, THE MIDDLE EAST AND THE FAR EAST IN ADDITION TO A HEAVY SCHEDULE OF CONSULT-
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ATIONS WITHIN THE EC. MOREOVER, PARA 2 AS SUBMITTED BY DRAFTING GROUP AND POINTED OUT THAT IF AUSTRALIAN/ AUSTRIAN PROPOSAL OR YUGOSLAV PROPOSAL WERE ACCEPTED US WOULD HAVE TO COMPLETELY DISASSOCIATE ITSELF WITH REGRET WITH PARA 2.

3. US INTERVENTION SIMULATED ATTEMPT BY COMITE TO SEE WHETHER SOME ALTERNATIVE LANGUAGE COULD NOT BE FOUND. AFTER SOME CONSULTATION FOLLOWING WORDING EMERGED FOR SECOND SENTENCE OF PARA 2 " ACCORDINGLY THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT ALL STATES WHICH HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO SHOULD BE REQUESTED TO INSTITUTE URGENTLY EFFECTIVE PROCEDURES AT THE POINT OF IMPORTATION TO INSURE THAT SUCH GOODS ARRIVING FOR IMPORTATION FROM SOUTH AFRICA, MOZAMBIQUE AND ANGLOA ARE NOT CLEARED THROUGH CUSTOMS UNTIL THEY ARE SATISFIED THAT THE DOCUMENTATION IS ADEQUATE AND COMPLETE." A CORRELATED AMENDMENT WAS SUGGESTED TO PARA 3 WHICH IN NO WAY CHANGES SUBSTANCE. AMENDMENT WOULD BE TO INSERT " THE ADDITIONAL" BETWEEN " SETTING FORTH" AND " DOCUMENTATION". FURTHER AMENDMENT WOULD BE MAKE CHANGE AFTER " PROCEDURES" SO THAT IT WOULD READ " PROCEDURES NECESSARY TO DETERMINE, ETC."

4. BELIEVE SUGGESTED CHANGE TO PARA 2 MEETS OUR CONCERNS AND THEREFORE IS ACCEPTABLE. DOUBT IF WE CAN GET ANY FURTHER CHANGE WHICH WOULD BE HELPFUL TO US IN LONG RUN. MOST CHANGES THAT HAVE BEEN FLOATING REVOLVE PRIMARILY AROUND OBJECTIONABLE AMENDMENTS PREVIOUSLY PROPOSED. COMITE WILL MEET AGAIN APRIL 12 TO DISCUSS CHANGES FURTHER. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPT'S VIEWS BY 10:00 AM, APRIL 12.
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